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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I- 36-82

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

ATTN: SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNITS

SUBJECT: THE IMPACT OF SB 311 ON THE WELFARE FRAUD PROGRAM

REFERENCE:

This notice is to inform counties of the recent passage of Senate Bill 311 which became law on January 1, 1982.

Among other actions, this bill has revised the statute of limitations on felony welfare fraud by specifying that felony welfare fraud is an offense for which an indictment must be found or an arrest warrant issued within three years after its discovery.

In accordance with this law, the county special investigative units are advised to change their procedures to ensure that no felony welfare fraud case is rejected for expiration of statute unless more than three years has elapsed since its date of discovery.

If counties have any questions regarding this legislative change or desire copies of SB 311, please contact Rick Tibbetts at the Fraud Program Management Bureau at (916) 427-4094.

Sincerely,

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Planning and Review Division

cc: CWDA